

APPROVED: Meeting No. 47-95

ATTEST: *Paula J. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 46-95

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The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on October 23, 1995, at 7:36 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor James F. Coyle

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Nina A. Weisbroth

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. The City's annual Halloween Young Run will be October 28 at 9 a.m., for children 12 years of age and under. Pre registration was required and the City is expecting approximately 2,500 runners. On October 29, the Rockville Runfest will take place. Proceeds benefit the Rockville Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund.

2. On November 3, Rockville Arts Place is holding its second Fine Arts Craft Show and Sale, 6-9 p.m. at RAP.

3. Rockville's municipal election is November 7. Residents should refer to the November issue of Rockville Reports which contains an election insert with a clear

description of City polling places. Mr. Kuckkahn displayed a copy of a Voter Information Notice sent out by Montgomery County relating to the 1996 March Primary and November 1996 election. He also displayed a copy of Rockville's own Sample Ballot mailer and said that Rockville residents should refer to the mailer which instructs voters how to find their City election polling places. He said that if residents misplaced their Sample Ballot mailers, they could call the City Clerk's Office, 309-3310 to be directed to their proper polling place.

4. During the months of October, November and December, the City will be collecting leafs and residents should refer to Rockville Reports for leaf pick-up schedules.

5. Residents are invited to take part in the next Rockville Citizen Police Academy, January 3 through February 28, 1996. Classes which take place at the Glenview Mansion are free to the public. Residents should contact Corporal Robert Rappoport to reserve a space in the upcoming class.

6. Beginning October 19, every Thursday, from 12:30 - 2 p.m., residents are invited to visit with their housing Inspectors in a Meet Your Housing Inspector program. The sessions take place at the Twinbrook Library and the Twinbrook Recreation Center. Inspectors will address concerns about the neighborhood and answer questions concerning general property maintenance and code requirements.

7. On October 19, the Mayor and Council along with representatives of the City's homeowner associations presented testimony to the Montgomery County Council

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about the relocation of the Detention Center. The County Council recommended that the Council's Public Safety Committee consider other sites. The inclusion of the Montgomery County Detention Center now appears to be a more distant possibility in the County's plan. The Public Safety Committee will forward a recommendation to the County Council who will develop a final approach to resolving the relocation issue.

8. A reception was held earlier to celebrate City departments who have been awarded over 30 significant recognitions. Mr. Kuckkahn thanked the employees for their citizen-oriented and professionally motivated activities to secure the awards, and he expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their continued support in providing a creative atmosphere for employees.

9. Also earlier, a reception celebrating the final demolition of the old Rockville Mall was held. With the help of the County and State governments, as well as with the Chamber's corporate support and citizen support, the project is moving well ahead of schedule.

10. The Mayor and Council and Human Rights Commission have issued a press release rebuking a recent racial incident in which it was implied that a Rockville restaurant refused admittance to minorities. The business owner was not involved and had reported the incident to authorities. The City has a long-standing public policy prohibiting discrimination and will be cooperating in every way to identify the person or persons responsible for distributing the discriminating material.

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Mayor Coyle noted the presence of a number of special guests: Senator Jennie Forehand, Delegate Cheryl Kagan, and Mayor Coyle's wife, Lorine Coyle. Also in attendance was Boy Scout Troop 495 from Wheaton, Maryland.

Re: Presentation of awards for the first Excellence in Landscape Awards Program, sponsored by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Coyle noted that the Excellence in Landscape Awards Program was developed from an idea of Councilmember Weisbroth's, to recognize businesses that utilize landscaping to make their site and the City more attractive. Mayor Coyle introduced Mike Love, President and Michelle Saxty, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce who assisted with presenting awards. Also introduced were Annie Chen Song, Jane Fry-Emond, Paula Strain, and Bill Parsons who served as judges, and the City's Horticulturist, Rob Orndorf, who coordinated the Program. In the Division Two, Category One for Small Business, the Grand Prize was awarded to John Murphy, Jr., owner of the Rollins Park Shell, 1857 Rockville Pike. The Honorable Mention was awarded to David Wright of Woodmont Shell, 1250 W. Montgomery Avenue. In the Division Two, Category Three for Office Building, the Grand Prize was awarded to Stephen Harrist, of The Brickman Group for 4 Choke Cherry at 4 Choke Cherry Road. An Honorable Mention was also awarded to Mr. Harrist, for Park Plaza at 2101 Gaither Road.

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Re: Rockville Gazette Tennis  
Tournament Awards  
Presentation.

The Mayor and Council recognized and presented awards to Gary Socha of the Rockville Gazette for the Gazette's continued support and sponsorship of the Rockville Gazette Tennis Tournament. Dee McNellis, Tournament Director, was recognized with an award for her outstanding service and dedication to the event. This year, a total of 340 participants competed in nineteen events. Since its inception, the tournament has doubled in size and become a more competitive oriented play, a change which helped to bring some of the top Mid-Atlantic players to the City and made the Rockville Gazette Tennis Tournament one of the best and most successful tournaments in the State.

Re: Brief presentation by Rockville  
Arts Place (RAP) Board of  
Directors

Co-President of RAP, Bob Roseman introduced Co-President Susan Sharp and noted that the Executive Director, Christine Adams was not able to be present tonight due to a family obligation. Mr. Roseman thanked the Mayor and Council for their continuing support and he reported on the following:

- The mutual agreement reaffirming the public/private partnership between the City and RAP was completed. Mr. Roseman informed the audience about RAP's Fine Craft Show and Sale, November 3 through November 18, and a Gala opening taking place on November 3rd, from 6 to 9 p.m. Susan Sharp displayed some of the items for sale at

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the Craft Show and said there would be a variety of excellent work available for show and sale.

Re: Presentation by Rockville  
Center, Inc. (RCI) on the status  
of the Town Center  
Redevelopment Project.

Mark Troen, Vice President of Development for RCI, presented the sixth in a continuing series of quarterly reports. He gave an overview of the following developments. He noted that active marketing efforts for the retail pavilion have begun and he introduced Richard Lake and Eric Rubin of the Smithy Braedon Encore Company, a known retail expert in the Washington Metropolitan area. He displayed charts showing the retail pavilion which is scheduled to begin in the Summer of 1996 and will include a movie theater, restaurant and entertainment complex. Mr Troen said they were on schedule with the development of the park and it was anticipated that the planting and infrastructure work would be completed by the end of November. The construction of the Monroe Street extension was targeted for completion on June 30, 1996. A new stair and promenade to the Metro will also be constructed. The new retail pavilion will allow for the beginning of construction of the final connection of the new Montgomery Avenue, between Maryland Avenue and Monroe Street.

Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set  
aside to hear from any citizen  
who wishes to address the Mayor  
and Council.

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1. Senator Jennie Forehand thanked Councilmember Weisbroth and Mayor Coyle for all of their work and energy on behalf of Rockville citizens. She wished them both well. She noted a public hearing on October 25 at Magruder High School on the Inter-County Connector, and asked that anyone interested in the inter-County transportation issue plan to attend the hearing.

2. Mansfield Kasman, 704 Carter Road said that for anyone who had the privilege of working with the current Mayor and Council, this was the ending of an important era. He said the Mayor and Council have worked harmoniously on issues and made great progress which served the City well. Mr. Kaseman also thanked the families of the Mayor and Council for allowing the elected officials to give countless hours to the City's needs.

3. Libby Baden addressed Mayor Coyle and said that residents adored and would miss him very much. She wished him well and said she hoped the rest of his career would be as good as his 10 year career as an elected official to the citizens of Rockville. Ms. Baden read a vignette that she wrote for Mayor Coyle.

4. Jim Ostell, 128 Calvert Road expressed a concern felt by residents of the Roxboro neighborhood about the future of Bullards Park once the sale of Chestnut Lodge went through. Mr. Ostell presented a petition with 125 signatures requesting that the City quickly purchase the park which it has leased for years, in order to preserve it as a resource for their neighborhood.

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Mr. Kuckkahn noted that while it was almost certain that the park would be maintained in the City, staff would take steps to reduce any issues of uncertainty.

5. Margaret Seard, 701 Roxboro Road urged the Mayor and Council to quickly deal with the issue of Bullards Park.

6 Stan Klein, 7 Lorre Court congratulated the Mayor and Council on a job well-done and said that government at all levels would be much better if it followed the examples set by the City of Rockville.

William Meyer, 804 Leverton Road congratulated and thanked the Mayor and Council for having put together a management group which he felt was responsible for how well the City was led. Mr. Meyer also thanked the City for requiring the Tower Companies to install cyclone fencing adjacent to Dogwood Park, to protect children from an excavation and a power line.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, with Councilmember Weisbroth abstaining, the Minutes of Meeting No. 40-95 (August 7, 1995) were approved as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 41-95 (September 11, 1995) were approved as written.



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Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of Meeting No. 42-95 (September 18, 1995) were approved as written.

Re: Consent Agenda

Upon motion of Councilmember Weisbroth, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda Items were approved.

- (A) Award of Bid #IFB6506000015  
To: Morton Salt Division  
Of: Chicago, Illinois  
In the amount of: \$35,967.60

For: Purchase of Bulk Road Salt

- (B) Award of RFP #26-96  
To: Shick Goldstein Architects  
Of: Washington, D.C.  
In the amount of: \$38,300.00

For: Professional Architectural Design and Engineering Services for Improvements to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Lobby.

- (C) Award of Bid #30-96  
To: MLK & Associates  
Of: York, Pennsylvania  
In the amount of : \$33,396.00

For: Purchase of a filter effluent, rewash and drain valves, backwash valve and venturi, and clarifier influent valves and venturi.

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- (D) Receipt of financial reports summarizing the results of City operations for the period from July 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995.

Re: Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance to grant Text Amendment Application TXT95-0148, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant.

Ordinance No. 21-95

Upon motion of Councilmember Weisbroth, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to require final record plat applications be submitted in electronic media format, was introduced. Upon motion of Councilmember Krasnow, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the layover period was waived. Upon motion of Councilmember Dorsey, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance was adopted. A full copy of the Ordinance may be found in Ordinance Book No. 19 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance to grant Street Closing and Abandonment Application SCA95-0070, James and Teresa Wilcoxin, Applicants.

Ordinance No. 22-95

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance to grant and close and abandon an unused right-of-way of Southlawn Lane, was introduced. Upon motion of Councilmember Weisbroth, duly

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seconded and unanimously passed, the layover period was waived. Upon motion of Councilmember Weisbroth, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance was adopted. A full copy of the Ordinance may be found in Ordinance Book No. 19 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: F.Y.I./Correspondence

1. Mayor Coyle expressed disappointment over having to cancel the Antique Classic Car Show a second time due to inclement weather.
2. Councilmember Dorsey asked that the presentation of the Rockville All-America City March lyrics, which was scheduled for presentation at the Car Show, be included in some future City event.
3. Councilmember Krasnow noted Item #1, regarding a new traffic signal being installed in front of the Best Buys store on Rockville Pike. She remarked that the Best Buy Company was paying approximately \$65,000 to have the signal designed and installed.
4. Councilmember Krasnow noted Item #4 regarding the Maryland Chamber of Commerce's focus on income tax reductions. She asked the City Manager to provide some information on how much of a reduction this would mean to the City.
5. Councilmember Krasnow noted the receipt of five letters of appreciation for City staff; three of the letters expressed appreciation for services provided by Police Chief Treschuk's department.

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Re: New Business

Mayor Coyle and Councilmember Weisbroth were presented with a video showing some of the highlights of their respective elected official careers. Mr. Kuckkahn said that staff put the video presentation together to thank Councilmember Weisbroth and Mayor Coyle for their support over the years.

Councilmember Krasnow said that she would miss Ms. Weisbroth's presence on the Council; her planning background and insight was exceptional and Ms. Krasnow said that she said she fully understood Ms. Weisbroth's need to return to her family.

Councilmember Weisbroth said that serving the City was a tremendous opportunity for her and she encouraged anyone who has a chance to serve the City, to do so. She said that staff has always indulged her interests and have been extremely responsive and supportive and said it was staff that did all the work to develop the Mayor and Council's ideas. Ms. Weisbroth said that the members of the Mayor and Council held a special place in her heart and she thanked them for their support of her and particularly for Mayor Coyle's support in encouraging her to run for the Council. She also thanked her husband and children for accepting her absences from home and expressed appreciation to her mother-in-law, Rosa Culleen and her own parents, Steve and Stephanie Weisbroth, for filling in at home when she could not be there.

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Councilmember Marrinan said that public service was not a thankless job and the opportunity to work with Ms. Weisbroth and Mr. Coyle had been a wonderful experience and cemented friendships that will continue past the evening. He wished them both Godspeed and said he hoped to see them a lot in the future.

Councilmember Dorsey said it was a pleasure working with Ms. Weisbroth; he said he appreciated the comfort of being able to exchange observations together as "rookie" members of the Council. Mr. Dorsey said his relationship with Mr. Coyle extended back to the days when they both served on the City's Human Rights Commission. He said he was thrilled when Mr. Coyle ran for City Council and then became Mayor as he has appreciated his leadership throughout the years.

Councilmember Krasnow said that for more than 10 years, Jim Coyle had been "married" to the City, giving unselfishly of his time, seeing the City through thick and thin, through good and bad times, and always working for the good of the City and never for fame for himself. She noted that the Mayor and Council have been very busy over the past few months with issues such as the King Farm, the redevelopment of downtown, and the hiring of a new City Manager. She said that Mr. Coyle had fully participated in all the issues. Ms. Krasnow said that he had always been concerned over who would be the future leaders of Rockville, and just as he identified Ms. Weisbroth for the Council, he also identified her as a possible leader, and she said that all of Rockville owed him a debt of gratitude.

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Mayor Coyle commented that he always felt strongly about the importance of having two competing interests involved in running the City. He said it was important in order to maintain a continuity, focus, and philosophy of what was good for the City. He thanked everyone for their support.

Re: Next Meeting

The newly elected Mayor and Council will convene their first meeting on November 20, 1995 at 8:00 p.m., following an Inaugural Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the last meeting of the 1993-1995 Mayor and Council was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.